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SENATE BILL 1481

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 3, Part 4, relative to compliance with accounting and financial reporting standards.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-3-402, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

The comptroller of the treasury shall determine those local governments that are in noncompliance with the accounting and financial reporting standards established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Those governments determined to be in noncompliance with GASB accounting and financial reporting standards shall be required to submit an implementation work plan to the comptroller of the treasury on a date prescribed by the comptroller. The chief executive officer of the local government shall serve as the primary person with authority and responsibility for development and submission of the local government's work plan, which shall include the primary government and all component units of the local government. The work plan shall include due dates and responsible persons or parties for implementation.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-3-403, is amended by deleting the language "by June 30, 2008".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-3-404, is amended by deleting the language:

If a local government fails to implement accounting and financial reporting standards as required by the GASB on or after June 30, 2008, as determined by the

comptroller, the following penalties or restrictions shall be imposed on the noncomplying local government:

and substituting instead the following language:

If a local government fails to implement accounting and financial reporting standards as required by the GASB, as determined by the comptroller, the following penalties or restrictions may be imposed on the noncomplying local government:

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-3-404(2), is amended by deleting the language "professional firms" and substituting instead the following language "professional accounting firms".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-3-404(3), is amended by deleting the language "on or after the required implementation date of June 30, 2008".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-3-405(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "on or after the prescribed date of June 30, 2008".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.